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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: (A) STATE 183292, (B) NDJAMENA 2678, (C) RABAT 3996 (NOTAL)

1. OUR CONTINUING SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT, AS REPORTED REFTEL (B), GOM HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO CHADIAN REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT TO CHAD. MOST AUTHORITATIVE EXPRESSION OF MOROCCAN THINKING ON CHAD PROBLEM WE HAVE HAD REMAINS JULY 22 COMMENT BY FONMIN LARAKI (REFTEL C) TO EFFECT THAT POLITICAL NOT MILITARY SOLUTION IS THE ONLY ANSWER AND THAT MOROCCAN ABILITY TO BE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO BE VERY LIMITED BECAUSE OF NEED TO MEET ALGERIAN AND POLISARIO PRESSURES ON CONFIDENTIAL

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MAURITANIA. WE ASSUME THAT QUESTION OF HOW TO RESPOND TO CHADIAN REQUEST STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION ON HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOM.

2. IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN GOM INTENTIONS AT THIS STAGE, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO RAISE MATTER WITH KING'S CLOSEST POLITICAL AND SECURITY ADVISERS, IF NOT WITH KING HIMSELF.

SUCH A DEMARCHE WOULD IMMEDIATELY RAISE QUESTION ON THEIR PART AS TO WHETHER USG IS PRESSING GOM TO RESPOND TO CHADIAN REQUEST. "IF-ASKED" GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 7 REFTEL (A) WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO SATISFY GOM ON THIS POINT. WE THEREFORE REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON (A) WHETHER URGENCY OF DEPARTMENT'S NEED FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF MOROCCAN RESPONSE WARRANTS DEMARCHE ON HIGHEST LEVELS HERE AND (B) IF SO, HOW WE SHOULD REPLY TO INEVITABLE QUERY ABOUT HOW USG WOULD LIKE GOM TO RESPOND TO CHADIAN REQUEST.

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